



Garden of Words & Images a Writing Retreat for Poets & Writers 2026

Fri 27 (17.30) –
Sun 29 March (16.30)

@ Temenos McGregor

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Dorian Haarhoff once again offers a 10th Temenos Retreat. The emphasis is on the Garden of the Beloved as a metaphor for our writing. How do we seed the writing? Place it where? Water it? Cultivate, graft

and prune so it comes to full bloom? And so provide shade and sustenance for the reader?

Time to write, to polish, to plan, to rewrite, to receive feedback.

Temenos (a spiritual oasis) in McGregor provides an idyllic setting for such an in-depth discovery. Time to circle the garden of the beloved ...
the labyrinth... communicate with peacocks and peahens ...
meditate amidst blueglass... breathe... be...
come and source your bliss.

The cost includes:

- ⊕ Temenos Garden cottage ensuite abode - 2 nights
- ⊕ 2 brunches and 2 suppers ...
- ⊕ Crafting and one-on-one sessions
- ⊕ a surprise gift related to writing
- ⊕ a story evening - living a larger life
- ⊕ tea & coffee (drinks own account)
- ⊕ gratuity, hire of venue & use of facilities

(Stay over Sun night for extra R525 (half-price) - own account -pd to Temenos)

R4980 pp / R4780 pp sharing (or R2980 own accommo in village)

(50% deposit secures* - book early - limited space)





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*Dr R D Haarhoff Standard Bank Current acc.

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then phone Temenos to book your cottage

*Place of spirit where dreams fly on peacock wings.
Stumbling fumbling tongue and pen, wrestling words.
Wined words and storied laughter nudge courage. Shy
words begin to take shaky flight. (Janet Bythway, 2024,
author of Training your Dragon Brain)*

your facilitator



Dorian Haarhoff is a story-teller, poet, and writing mentor. A former Prof of English Literature (Namibia) he has also taught in a Canadian faculty. Dorian now facilitates writing/ story-telling experiences. He is passionate about developing innate

creativity and imagination. He believes in the power of stories and images to build our belonging. His wordshops are based on his workbook *The Writer's Voice* and *Route 77, a Poememoir*.



Your feedback always makes me realise what a writing genius you are. What beautiful beads of wisdom. (Clive Goodchild-Brown)

Dorian helps you call in the symbols, metaphors, rhythms of your life, like wild children, and bring them home. More than teaching how to write poetry, he shows how to live it. (Susan Mann, novelist).

I watch him as he bends /among the leaves and vines /to hook some weed or other/ I think of him there / raking and trimming, stirring up / those sheets of fire

(Mary Oliver on the poet Staney Kunitz)